

Dear "Shipmate" of Enterprise:

As a sort of participating bystander, I would like to report to you that President Bill Rubin and Treasurer Harrison Welton along with Admiral Hardison, Bill Neville, and Chiefs Kelly, Brown, Perkins, of Admiral Halsey's office, have put out a mammoth effort to save the "Big E." We should be most grateful to our beloved Admiral Halsey for his actions in making possible a site and the opportunity to save our ship. Following his illness, the state of his health prevented his further participation in the drive. Then it became apparent how much his leadership meant, and without him it was impossible to raise enough money to get the project off the ground. The officers of the Enterprise Association were forced to settle for other objectives to memorialize the "Big E." Their actions seem to me to be laudable.

They were successful in having the first nuclear carrier named "ENTERPRISE", to carry on the tradition and heritage. ~~To many of us~~ This seems like the best kind of memorial.

They arranged to move the flag staff to Annapolis, and agreed with the Navy-Marine Memorial Stadium Committee to have it placed upon the "ENTERPRISE" tower there, to which suitable plaques can be attached.

So, the ENTERPRISE Association must now raise \$10,000 additional to our present funds instead of 2 million.

All of us have had a maximum effort put out in our behalf by the Association officers. It is now our duty to back them up by raising this money. Each of us has to be willing to give or raise \$10.00 for this purpose.

If some fail, others must raise more. This is in addition to making good on any previous pledges.

There are some Donation Blanks enclosed. Will you get your friends to contribute, and give yourself. Do it now, so Admiral Halsey will know we were solidly behind him.

Good hunting.

Sincerely,

Tom Hamilton